

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-56 (canceled).

57. (new) An applicator (12) for distributing a cosmetic preparation on the skin, semi-mucous membrane or mucous membrane, comprising a holding portion (18) and a hollow applicator portion (30) on the holding portion (18) in a direction of longitudinal extent of the applicator (12), wherein both the holding portion (18) and also the applicator portion (30) at least partially comprise plastic material, wherein the plastic material of the holding portion (18) is harder than the plastic material of the applicator portion (30) and wherein the holding portion (18) does not form a core extending into the hollow applicator portion (30) in the direction of longitudinal extent.

58. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein provided between the holding portion (18) and the applicator portion (30) is a connecting layer (32) comprising a mixing layer comprising the applicator portion plastic material and the holding portion plastic material.

59. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 58, wherein the mixing layer is between 1/100 mm and several 1/10 mm thick.

60. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 58, wherein the connecting layer (32) has a positively locking connection (34) between the applicator portion (30) and the holding portion (18).

61. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the applicator portion (30) is formed by a casing which at least partially encloses a hollow space.

62. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the applicator portion (30) forms an extension in the direction of longitudinal extent of less than 14 mm.

63. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the applicator portion (30) extends at least in portion-wise manner rotationally symmetrically in the direction of the longitudinal extent of the applicator (12).

64. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the applicator portion (30) tapers away from the holding portion (18) in the direction of the longitudinal extent of the applicator (12).

65. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the applicator portion (30) has at least one substantially even, flattened portion (916, 1016).

66. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the applicator portion plastic material contains silicone rubber.

67. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the applicator portion plastic material contains soft PVC.

68. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the applicator portion plastic material comprises a thermoplastic elastomer.

69. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 68, wherein a block copolymer is used as the applicator portion plastic material.

70. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 68, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is a blend of thermoplastic substance with elastic particles.

71. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 68, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer has a hardness of between 2 and 45 Shore A.

72. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 68, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer has a hardness of between 5 and 12 Shore A.

73. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the casing has a wall thickness of between 0.8 mm and 1.3 mm and an extension in the direction of the longitudinal extent of between 3 mm and 7 mm.

74. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 73, wherein the casing has a hardness of between 5 and 12 Shore A, a

wall thickness of between 0.8 mm and 1.3 mm and an extension in the direction of longitudinal extent of about 5 mm.

75. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 71, wherein the casing has a hardness of between 10 and 45 Shore A, a wall thickness of between 0.5 mm and 1 mm and an extension in the direction of longitudinal extent of between 5 mm and 10 mm.

76. (new) An applicator (12) at least as set forth in claim 68, wherein the applicator portion plastic material comprises a thermoplastic silicone elastomer having a hardness of between 10 and 30 Shore A.

77. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the applicator portion (30) has a surface structure comprising a plurality of structural elements.

78. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 77, wherein the structural elements extend substantially perpendicularly to the applicator portion surface a distance of less than 1.2 mm.

79. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 78, wherein the structural elements include knobs.

80. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 79, wherein the knobs extend between 0.25 mm and 0.5 mm.

81. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 79, wherein the knobs extend 0.35 mm.

82. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 80, wherein the knobs have a diameter of between 0.1 and 0.3 mm.

83. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 81, wherein the knobs have a diameter of 0.2 mm.

84. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 78, wherein the structural elements include crowns with respective peripherally arranged prongs.

85. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 84, wherein the crowns are hexagonal having a respective prong arranged at each corner.

86. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 84, wherein the crowns are of different cross-sections.

87. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 84, wherein the prongs extend substantially perpendicular to a surface of the applicator portion of between 0.2 mm and 0.6 mm.

88. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 84, wherein the prongs extend substantially perpendicular to a surface of the applicator portion of 0.4 mm.

89. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 77, wherein the structural elements include slats.

90. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 89, wherein the slats extend perpendicularly to the applicator portion surface a distance of between 0.1 mm and 0.3 mm.

91. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 89, wherein the slats extend perpendicularly to the applicator portion surface a distance of between 0.2 mm and 0.3 mm.

92. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 89, wherein the slats are oriented substantially transversely with respect to the direction of the longitudinal extent of the applicator.

93. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 89, wherein the slats are annularly closed.

94. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 93, wherein the slats ring are arranged substantially rotationally symmetrically around the direction of the longitudinal extent of the applicator.

95. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 93, wherein the slats ring are arranged substantially on the even, flattened portion (916, 1016).

96. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 77, wherein the structural elements include bristles.

97. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 96, wherein the bristles extend perpendicularly to the applicator portion surface a distance of between 0.3 mm and 1 mm.

98. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 97, wherein the bristles extend a distance of between 0.4 mm and 0.6 mm and have a diameter of between 0.4 mm and 0.6 mm.

99. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 97, wherein the bristles extend a distance of between 0.7 mm and 1 mm and have a diameter of between 0.1 mm and 0.3 mm.

100. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the holding portion plastic material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic material, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyvinyl chloride, polyacetate, polyacetal, polystyrene, mixed polymers of polystyrene and polyamide.

101. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the holding portion (18) at least partially comprises a thermosetting material.

102. (new) An applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, wherein the holding portion (18) at least partially comprises metal.

103. (new) A process for the production of the applicator (12) as set forth in claim 57, including the step of injecting the applicator portion (30) in the direction of the longitudinal extent of the applicator on to the holding portion (18) by means of an injection machine.

104. (new) A process as set forth in claim 103, including producing the holding portion (18) at least partially from plastic material in the injection machine in an injection operation preceding injection of the applicator portion (30) on to the holding portion.

105. (new) A process as set forth in claim 104, including producing a positively locking connection (34) during the injection operation between the applicator portion (30) and the holding portion (18).

106. (new) A process as set forth in claim 104, including producing during the injection operation a mixing layer (32) between the applicator portion (30) and the holding portion (18).

107. (new) A process as set forth in claim 106, including injecting the applicator portion on to the holding portion prior to cooling of the holding portion (18) to ambient temperature.

108. (new) A process as set forth in claim 107, including injecting the applicator portion on to the holding portion at a processing temperature of the holding portion material of between 30°C and 80°C.

109. (new) A process as set forth in claim 103, including injecting the applicator portion on to the holding portion using an injection molding mold having a core around which material is injected and thereafter dissolving the core to form a hollow space in the applicator portion.

110. (new) A process as set forth in claim 103, including injecting the applicator portion on to the holding portion of an injection molding mold having a laser-sintered negative of a desired surface profile of the applicator portion (30).

111. (new) A process as set forth in claim 103, including producing the holding portion (18) from a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic material, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyvinyl chloride, polyacetate, polyacetal, polystyrene, mixed polymers of polystyrene, and polyamide.

112. (new) A process as set forth in claim 104, including fitting the holding portion (18) with an insert portion made of thermosetting material into the injection machine prior to injecting the applicator portion (30) on to the holding portion.

113. (new) A process as set forth in claim 104, including fitting the holding portion (18) with an insert portion made of metal into the injection machine prior to injecting the applicator portion (30) on to the holding portion.

114. (new) A process as set forth in claim 104, including producing a cover cap (16) in the injection machine or in a second injection machine arranged near the injection machine for the applicator portion (30).

115. (new) A process as set forth in claim 114, including fitting the cover cap (16) on to the applicator portion (30) after injecting the applicator portion (30) on to the holding portion in the injection machine.

116. (new) A process as set forth in claim 114, including fitting the cover cap (16) on to the applicator portion (30) on an assembly apparatus arranged between the injection machine for the applicator portion (30) and the second injection machine for the cover cap.